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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL KUWAITI REACTION TO PRES. CARTER'S REMARKS ON  
PALESTINIAN HOMELAND

1. KUWAIT DAILY AL RAI AL AM (MARCH 20) REPORTS KUWAITI  
MINISTER FOR CABINET AFFAIRS, ABDUL-AZIZ HUSSEIN, AS HAVING  
WELCOMED PRES. CARTER'S STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.  
(THIS PRESS REPORT USES THE ARABIC PHRASE "WATAN QAWMI" WHICH  
HERE IS UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN "NATIONAL HOME.") THE REPORT QUOTES  
HUSSEIN AS ASSERTING THAT PRES. CARTER'S STATEMENT "HAS NOT BEEN  
SUPPORTED" BY THE USG BUT THAT IT INDICATES A "NOTICEABLE CHANGE  
IN US POLICY, SINCE SUCH A STATEMENT WAS NOT ISSUED BY ANY  
PREVIOUS AMERICAN PRESIDENT." HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT  
THE CARTER STATEMENT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE ROUTINE KUWAITI  
CABINET MEETING MARCH 20.

2. THE KUWAITI PRESS OF MARCH 20 CARRIES MORE EDITORIAL  
COMMENT ON SUBJECT OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. AN AL WATAN EDITORIALIST

CALLS PRES. CARTER'S STATEMENT "BLOW AGAINST ISRAEL." HOWEVER, THE  
EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT THE USE OF THIS PHRASE DOES NOT IMPLY  
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A BASIC CHARGE IN USG VIEWS, ONLY AN "ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD THOSE  
WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN MISLED" ABOUT U.S. MOTIVES. THE MOTIVE  
ASSIGNED TO THE PRESIDENT'S REMARK IS A DESIRE TO PREVENT THE  
SOVIETS FROM REGAINING THE POLITICAL INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL, IN AL SIYASAH, AN EDITOR OF  
PALESTINIAN ORIGIN IS CAUTIOUSLY PESSIMISTIC, BELIEVING  
THAT THE PRESIDENT "IS DRAWING BROAD LINES FOR SETTLEMENT..."

LEAVING DETAILS TO OTHERS...BUT DETAILS ARE DOOMED TO MEET"  
WITH FAILURE UNLESS SOMEHOW RECONCILABLE BY CARTER.  
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